



## Progress on the New Portapique Hall

The above photo collage shows the original; partially de-engineered and then framing and lumber leaving the site and put into storage. The last frame is an artist rendering of the finished hall and the addition.

Some people are worried

because the original Portapique Hall has disappeared. The committee de-engineered the building. All the timber, framing and lumber have been put into storage. Almost as if it just gone for a spa treatment! Organizers wish to thank all the volunteers and the team at

Timberhart and Rural Roots Engineering who will help us integrate the old hall into a wonderful new community centre! Once a foundation has been poured, the old building will be re-constructed and integrating into a new addition. The committee is still

fundraising for materials and money. Anyone who wishes to donate or knows of possible donors, use this link <https://cfns-fcne.ca/weriseagainfund/>. The committee will be seeking quotes on framing. Contractors who may wish to be part of this historic project are encouraged to let the committee know.

## Local Paramedics Recognized for Service

**By Maurice Rees**

Todd Mills, Truro and Victor Murphy, North River were two of twenty-three Nova Scotia paramedics have been awarded the Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal, a national honour in recognition of their longtime dedication to the health, safety and well-being of Nova Scotians.

The paramedics honoured on May 10, have dedicated their careers to providing care to people in their time of greatest need, sometimes at their own personal risk. Emergency Medical Services professionals can be nominated for the medal by their peers or the public. Recipients must have demonstrated exemplary service in their careers for at least 20 years, including 10 years in an emergency medical services position that involves risk.

"During the pandemic, emergency medical services have been crucial to the province. I have no doubt the past two years tested the endurance of many," said Lt.-Gov. Arthur J. LeBlanc, who presented the medals at a ceremony in Halifax. "It has been inspiring to witness countless examples of care and compassion during times of uncertainty. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the men and women who provide pre-hospital emergency care to Nova Scotians."

Queen Elizabeth II created the Exemplary Service Medal in 1994. It is part of a national recognition program for people who work in high-risk jobs that enhance Canada's public safety. Police, firefighters, corrections officers, coast guard members and peace officers are also eligible for exemplary service medals.



### Executive Directors Column

## Panel to Discuss Impacts of Rising Fuel Costs

**By Sherry Martell**

Watching neighbouring provinces set their fuel prices each week a day before ours, Thursday night lineups at local service stations have become the norm as we brace ourselves for more jumps in cost. Interrupter clauses have also been invoked on a regular basis as prices have tipped well over the \$2 per liter mark for gasoline and diesel.

This spike in costs at the pump is not only hitting people's allowance for commuting or weekend leisure activities, but nearly every product and service on the market.

Many are wondering what is at the root of the increase in fuel, the wide sweeping impacts and when, if ever, we may experience relief.

The Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce has

arranged a panel discussion to share timely information about impacts across various sectors, as well as to aid in understanding the reasons behind the historically high price per litre.

The panel will feature a commodities expert with RBC, along with representation from agriculture, trucking and transportation, retail and grocery and export and manufacturing.

The panel will be held virtually on Friday, June 17 at 11 a.m. For information on how to register visit [www.truro-colchesterchamber.com](http://www.truro-colchesterchamber.com).

During the month of June, the Chamber will also be focusing on supporting tourism. We recognize that in this region there are more than 3,500 jobs directly related to the tourism industry, many of which are employed at our

member businesses. We have collaborated with several partners to produce an Explore Central NS tourism guide for this season. About 25,000 of them will be distributed across the province in early June. If you would like to pick copies up to have at your business location, please reach out to us by phone 902-895-6328 or via email, oa@tcchamber.ca

Beginning in early June you will also see the Explore Central NS brand across social media platforms and on TV. Updates have been made to the Explore Central NS website and businesses may purchase advertising on the site. An events calendar has also been added and we welcome anyone who is co-ordinating an event in the region to reach out and let us know so we can add it to the site.

Once again, the Chamber

will be providing three, \$1,000 scholarships to students graduating in Colchester County. This has been a long-standing tradition for our chamber and is a commitment by our board and membership to continue to invest in our youth. We were very pleased to see students from our local community participate in our Mayors and Chief's breakfast and look forward to working with school officials on ways the business community could better support our youth.

As a business association, we are continuously listening to our members and working with our partners to assist them to grow and thrive.

For more information about the Chamber's activities and programs visit our website or call 902-895-6328.

*Sherry Martell is Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director*



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## Fathers (dads)

### Dads

*Emotions they sometimes hide  
Getting upset if you've lied  
Teaching right from what's wrong  
They say hello or so long*

### Dads

*Children are their pride and joy  
Makes no difference girl or boy  
Like diamonds that are in the rough  
They keep a family strong and tough*

### Dads

*Like steel in a fiery hearth  
They love you from your very birth  
Though sometimes they can forget  
Saying things they may regret*

### Dads

### Most of all though

*Dads are truly really great  
Like ships with lots of freight  
Heartfelt hugs they come free  
For our dads love you and me!*

### Dads

*God bless and thank you  
Thomas A. Marshall (Ex-Navy)*



Presentation Meeting  
Tuesday, June 7 @ 6pm

Council Committee Meeting  
Thursday, June 9 @ 6pm

Council Meeting  
Thursday, June 23 @ 6pm



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